

REMARKS

Claims 13-18 and 23-24 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 13-18 are amended. No new matter is added.

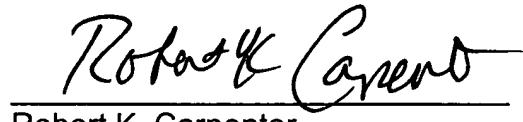
The Office Action rejects claims 13, 14, 23, 24 and claims 15-16 and claims 17-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. During a March 2, 2004, telephone conference with Applicants' undersigned representative, it was agreed that the above amendments to the claims should overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are thus respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300.

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No. 01-2300, referencing attorney docket number 107156-00004.

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